

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned**For:** ELONGATED ORIFICE CLOSURE**Examiner:** Not yet assigned**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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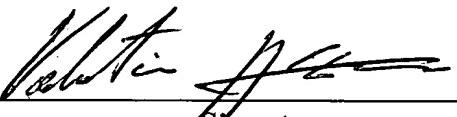
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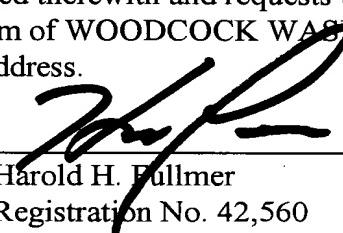
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